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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBERS SWORN.—Rowland James, Esquire, and Hubert Ferdinand Opperman, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—
Fifth General Index to the Papers presented to Parliament—
Sessions 1937-40 to 1948-49 (15th to 18th Parliaments).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 98.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954,
Nos. 100, 101.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 97.
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules
1954, No. 99.
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 22nd September, 1954.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—
Department of Civil Aviation purposes at Coffs Harbour, New South Wales (2).
Postal purposes—
Bibbenluke, New South Wales.
Bobundara, New South Wales.
Tarcutta, New South Wales.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1954—
No. 8 (Health Ordinance).
No. 9 (Slaughtering Ordinance).
No. 10 (Marine Ordinance).
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—T. Andrzejaczek, E. B. Thompson.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra
and its environs, dated 21st September, 1954.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills :—
24th September, 1954—
Message—
No. 7—Audit 1954.
6th October, 1954—
Message—
No. 8—Social Services 1954.
No. 9—Repatriation 1954.
Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1954.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—EXCESSIVE IMPORTS.—Mr. Peters having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The vast quantities of goods that have recently been imported into this country in excess of exports, the detrimental effects of this upon Australian industries essential to national security and development, and upon the employment of Australian workers, and also the consequent reduction of overseas funds vitally needed to obtain goods necessary to Australian development"—
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Peters addressed the House.

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Mr. Daly moved, That Mr. Peters be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Daly addressing the House—

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Brand	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon		

NOES, 49.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT.—On the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the debate on the motion to print the Report of the Committee of Privileges relating to a *Hansard* proof, presented to the House on the 29th September—
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that, in view of Standing Orders Nos. 345 and 346, the Report of the Committee of Privileges could not be debated on the motion to print the Report, but that he would allow a specific motion to agree to or disagree with the Report.
 Mr. McLeay then moved, That the Report be agreed to.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the Report be agreed to—put and passed.
7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs):—
- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and, in particular, to inquire into matters referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
 - (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
 - (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
 - (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported; except that in the case of matters not referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall not submit a report to the Minister nor inform the Parliament accordingly without the Minister's consent. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information;

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(g) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records; and, subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee;

(h) the Senate be asked to appoint seven of its Members to serve on such Committee.

(5) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) on the 2nd September, 1954 (see pages 49-53).

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1954.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. T. P. Burke moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Hasluck—Minister for Territories), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ANJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Casey, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Downer, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Robertson*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.